

# SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS, ISSUE 1

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Highlights from the Universal **Orlando Foundation Team** serving at Memorial Middle School





- Our team loves coming to school each day and being in the classroom with our partner teacher and students!
- We are having a blast power greeting early in the morning and love all the high-fives and high pitched "Hello's" we receive from our students!
- Our team loves receiving appreciation notes from our students, even with misspelled words!

# TARFISH STORY - A STORY OF STUDE

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My starfish student is one who holds a special place in my heart. One day in class, she was having a bad anxiety attack so I asked to take her on a walk to help calm her down. When we were able to one-on-one, she began to open up to me and share about all that was going on in her life. I knew that she just needed someone to be a listening ear and a safe place. We

talked about a lot of things and she shared that she looks forward to coming to class everyday because of me. This small moment made my day and reconfirmed that I am making a difference.





Jo Ann Wood is a proud AmeriCorps member serving on the Universal Orlando Foundation Team at Memorial Middle School. She is from Fort Lauderdale, FL and graduated from Rollins College with a degree in Anthropology, Dance and Theatre. Jo Ann is extremely passionate about dance, musical theatre, and advocating for a better and more equitable society. She joined City Year because she wants to work with kids in order to help them achieve their goals as well as gain

experience to help with her own personal goal of pursuing her masters in social work. Jo Ann has been exceptional at showcasing her passion for our students by truly embracing the SEL portion of our service. She has really gotten to know her

kids, so much so they call her "Goldilocks" as a form of admiration.



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# UPCOMING DATES

### **OCTOBER**

Hispanic Heritage Month Red Ribbon Week



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